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Has on hand a large and well selected stock of PURE DRUGS, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Family Medicines, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs, Fancy and Toilet Articles, which he is determined to sell at the very lowest prices.  
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Keeps a full line of Pure Drugs and Chemicals, White Lead and Colors, Machine and Tanners' Oils, Patent Medicines, Garden seeds, and everything pertaining to the Drug business, which he will sell at low prices.  
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All calls promptly answered day and night.  
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Office in Brown's building, opposite Charlotte Hotel.  
Gas used for the painless extraction of teeth.  
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Practice limited to the  
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Wholesale and Retail  
Druggists,  
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Have a large and complete stock of everything pertaining to the Drug Business, to which they invite the attention of all buyers both wholesale and retail.  
Oct. 7, 1880.

**HALES & FARRIOR,**  
Practical Watch-makers and Jewelers,  
Charlotte, N. C.  
Keeps a full stock of handsome Jewelry, and Clocks, Spectacles, etc., which they sell at fair prices.  
Repairing of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, etc., done promptly, and satisfaction assured.  
Store next to Springs' corner building.  
July 1, 1879.

**SPRINGS & BURWELL,**  
Grocers and Provision Dealers,  
Have always in stock Coffee, Sugar, Molasses, Syrups, Pickles, Soap, Starch, Meat, Lard, Ham, Flour, Grass Seeds, Plows, etc., which we offer to both the Wholesale and Retail trade. All are invited to try us, from the smallest to the largest buyers.  
Jan. 17, 1880.

**J. McLAUGHLIN,**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
Groceries, Provisions, &c.,  
College Street, Charlotte, N. C.  
Sells Groceries at lowest rates for Cash, and buys Country Produce at highest market price.  
Cotton and other country Produce sold on commission and prompt returns made.  
Nov. 1, 1881.

**John VanLandingham,**  
Cotton Buyer and General Commission Merchant.  
In Sanders & Blackwood's Building,  
North College St., Charlotte, N. C.  
March 26, 1881.

**H. W. HARRIS,**  
Attorney at Law,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
Office in the Henderson building, nearly opposite Court House.  
3mpd

**Charlotte Marble Works.**  
**W. G. BERRYHILL,**  
Charlotte, N. C.  
Dealer in MONUMENTS, TOMBS & GRAVE-STONES, and MARBLE-WORK of every description.  
Having just returned from the North, where I purchased a large assortment of fine Monuments, Marble Slabs, and a good assortment of Stone in my line, I am prepared to offer fair terms to suit the times, to persons wanting work in my line, and guarantee satisfaction. I have in my employ some of the best workmen to be found in the Southern States.  
W. G. BERRYHILL.  
Sept. 16, 1881. 3mpd

**Peas and Pea Meal.**  
The very best food for horses and cows. For sale by  
**JOHN VANLANDINGHAM.**  
Aug. 19, 1881.

**Central Hotel Barber Shop.**  
GREY TOOLE, in the Basement of the Central Hotel, still carries on the Tonsorial Art in its various branches. He and his assistant Artists are so well known for their skill that it needs no multiplicity of words to inform the public where barbers can be shaved smoothly and hair cut and dressed in fashionable style and "with dispatch." Give him a trial.  
GREY TOOLE.  
July 29, 1881. Under Central Hotel.

The American Consul at Naples reports that cotton-seed oil has already found its way into the remotest mountain villages of Italy, so that unadulterated olive oil is as rare there as here. If the resemblance is as he says, so great that the most expert cannot detect the mixture, what real harm is done? Why not save the freight from here to Italy and back, as well as the double duties, give it to some less objectionable name than it now has, refine it most carefully, and use it as salad oil?

**Blacksmiths' Tools.**  
We have a complete stock of Blacksmiths' Tools of the best quality and at prices that will put them within the reach of every Farmer.  
Nov. 1, 1880. KYLE & HAMMOND.

**ALEXANDER & HARRIS**  
Are now opening a very large and beautiful stock of  
**Dress Goods.**  
LADIES' NECKWEAR, a tremendous stock of Table Linens, all grades. A large stock of Embroideries of all kinds. All kinds of Flannels—Basket, Opera and Plain.  
They are making a specialty of  
**Ready-Made Clothing**  
For Gentlemen and Youths, this season.  
They have Hoop-Skirts, White Goods, Laces, Embroideries of all kinds, and other goods too numerous to mention.  
Remember we have a large stock of Carpets, also cheap Cassimeres, Jeans, &c., for pants and suits.  
"Foster" Kid Gloves, patented June 13th, 1876. Ask for a pair of the Foster Kid Gloves, the best in the market.  
ALEXANDER & HARRIS.  
Sept. 30, 1881.

**Hargraves & Wilhelm.**  
**NEW GOODS.**  
Our Fall Stock is now complete, and the handsomest and cheapest ever offered in this market. It embraces a full line of Silks, Satins and Surahs, in all shades and quantities.  
Our Stock of Dress Goods and Dress Trimmings is the most varied and attractive ever seen in this city.  
**Cloaks, Dolmans,**  
Usters, Walking Jackets, and Children's Cloaks, in all qualities and shades.  
Shawls, Balmorals, Repellants, Cloakings, Oil Cretonnes, Wadded Fringes, to match. Velvets, Vetyetens, Plush, &c.  
A complete line of Flannels, Cassimeres, Damasks and Towels.  
A large assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Neckwear.  
We have an immense stock of  
**Boots, Shoes, Hats and Clothing,**  
That we are selling at extremely low prices.  
All we ask the public and our patrons is to give our stock a careful inspection. They will find the greatest variety and cheapest stock of Goods ever shown in this place.  
We will save you money by calling to see us.  
All-wool Plain Black Bunting at 15 cents.  
HARGRAVES & WILHELM.  
Sept. 30, 1881.

**Cotton Gins Insured**  
AGAINST LOSS BY FIRE.  
The undersigned is ready to issue Policies of Insurance on Cotton Gins or Mills, either by steam or water. This is an important matter to farmers and owners of Gins and Mills, and their attention is especially called to it.  
E. NYE HUTCHISON, Agent.  
Sept. 9, 1881.

**NEW MILLINERY.**  
We are now receiving our Fall and Winter Stock of  
**Millinery Goods,**  
Containing all the latest styles and qualities of  
**Ladies' Misses and Children's Hats and Bonnets.**  
Also, all the novelties for trimming: Featherings, Flowers, Ribbons, Silk, Flashes, Satins, Ornaments, etc.  
Also, our usual large and attractive stock of White Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Neckwear, Gloves and Hosiery, Corsets, Shawls, Cloaks, Skirts, &c. Another large stock of Ladies' Muslin Underwear just received, that we are offering at lowest market price.  
MRS. P. QUERRY.  
Oct. 14, 1881.

**Just Received**  
**TIDDY'S CITY BOOK STORE**  
A well selected Stock of  
**WRITING PAPER,**  
Including Note, Letter, Sermon, Legal and Foolscap, which they propose to sell cheap for cash.  
Also, French Paper of every description, with Envelopes to match.  
Also, Paper in boxes, to suit the most fastidious.  
**SOCIAL ETIQUETTE OF NEW YORK.**  
A standard treatise upon the laws of good society in New York.  
CONGRESS THE ENVELOPES—A new lot just received.  
Edward Todd & Co.'s Celebrated  
**Rubber Pens,**  
TIDDY & BRO. are also Agents for Emerson's celebrated Rubber HAND-STAMPS; and any orders given them will receive prompt attention.  
Cash paid for Rags.  
**Carriages, Phaetons, Buggies, &c.**  
I have a good supply of CARRIAGES, PHAETONS, BUGGIES, and Spring Wagons, of the latest style and superior workmanship. Call and examine the work.  
CHAS. WILSON, SR.,  
in front of Sanders & Blackwood's Warehouse,  
Jan. 14, 1881. 1y

**A. A. GASTON,**  
DEALER IN  
**Stoves, Tin-Ware**  
**And House Furnishing Goods,**  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
He keeps the largest stock of Stoves and Tin-Ware ever offered in this market. \$100 reward will be paid to any party that ever sold a larger or heavier Stove than the "Barley Sheaf." I have sold the "Barley Sheaf" for eleven years.  
Call at my Store under Central Hotel building, and examine my stock.  
Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware manufactured to order, and all Repairing promptly executed.  
A. A. GASTON.  
Feb. 1, 1881.

**Wine and Whisky.**  
We have fine brand of wine and whisky, for medicinal use.  
Oct. 21, 1881. WILSON & BURWELL.

**Burton's Specific Vermifuge**  
is safe, sure and of the best quality.  
WILSON & BURWELL,  
Sole Agents for North Carolina.  
Nov. 4, 1881.

**10 VICTIMS.**  
BY W. W. STORY.

I sing the Hymn of the Conquered, who fell in the battle of life—  
The hymn of the wounded, the beaten, who died overwhelmed in the strife;  
Not the jubilation song of the victors, from whom the resounding acclaim  
Of nations was lifted in chorus, whose brows wore the chaplet of fame—  
But the hymn of the low and the humble, the weary, the broken in heart,  
Who strove and who failed, acting bravely a silent and desperate part;  
Whose youth bore no flower in its branches, whose hopes burned in ashes away,  
From whose hands slipped the prize they had grasped at, who stood at the dying of day  
With the work of their life all around them, untried, unheeded, alone,  
With death swooning down o'er their failure, and all but their faith overthrown.  
While the voice of the world shouts its chorus, its peen for those who have won—  
While the trumpet is sounding triumphant, and high to the breeze and the sun  
Gay banners are waving, hands clapping, and hurrying feet  
Thronging after the laurel-crowned victors—I stand on the field of defeat  
In the shadow, 'mongst those who are fallen, and wounded and dying—and there  
Chant a requiem low, my hand on their pain-knotted brows, breathe a prayer  
Hold the hand that is helpless, and whisper, "They only the victory win."  
Who have fought the good fight, and have vanquished the demon that tempts us within;  
Who have held their faith unshaken by the prize that the world holds on high;  
Who have dared for a high cause to suffer, resist, fight—if need be, to die?"  
Speak, history! Who are life's victors? Unroll thy long annals and say—  
Are they those whom the world called victors, who won the success of a day?  
The Martyrs, or No? The Spartans who fell at Thermopylae's trust,  
Or the Persians and Xerxes! His judges, or Socrates? Pilate or Christ?  
How to Live on Ten Dollars a Week.  
A man with \$10 a week and another to support must live at home. If he live out he will get inferior food and those dependent on him will have to go short at home. He should spend on lodging \$2; on food for two \$5; on coal, light, dress, etc., \$3. Pieces of fried meat are extravagant; steaks, with vegetables, are profitable; fish, dressed with sauce and vegetables, to make meals, is profitable; so are fish-pies; good, well-thickened soup; fruit puddings; small pieces of roast for Sundays with accompanying vegetables and well-selected pudding. A small piece of beef roasted and well-covered during the process with a Yorkshire pudding, a few parsnips and some baked potatoes; for desert, some pears stewed. A home-made cake and a little cold meat, with home pickles or cresses, for tea or supper. These are the combinations.—*New York Food and Health.*

**W. A. TRUSLOW,**  
Jeweler and Watch Repairer,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
Respectfully announces that, having succeeded E. J. Allen, in the Watch and Jew-elry business, he has just added to his stock of  
**Watches, Jewelry, Silverware,**  
**CLOCKS, SPECTACLES, &c.**  
And he hopes by close attention to business and fair dealing to merit a share of patronage.  
Fifteen years constant experience in the WATCH REPAIRING Department enables him to fully warrant every Watch entrusted to him.  
Do not forget the old stand on Tryon street, near the Square.  
Oct. 7, 1881. 6m

**CONFECTIONERIES, GROCERIES, &c.**  
**Cakes and Bread.**  
C. S. HOLTON, at the Rising Sun, opposite the Old Market, still keeps a large assortment of Confectioneries, &c., and a good selection of choice Family Groceries—all of the freshest and best quality.

**Bread and Cakes.**  
His Bread is considered superior by all who use it, and his assortment of Cakes is fine.  
Wedding Cakes and Cakes for Parties prepared in the best style at short notice.  
Give me a trial when you need anything in my line.  
Jan. 14, 1881. C. S. HOLTON.

**BURGESS NICHOLS,**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
**FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c.**  
I have now in Store a well selected stock embracing everything found in a  
**First-class Furniture Store,**  
Such as Bedroom and Parlor Suits, Lounges, Tea-Tets, Wharpoons, Marble and Wood Top Tables, Dining Tables, Washstands, Bureaus, Wardrobes, Book Cases, &c.  
CHAIRS of all kinds and cheap Bedsteads at prices to suit the times.  
I respectfully solicit a share of patronage.  
Also, COFFINS of all grades kept on hand ready-made.  
No. 5 West Trade Street,  
J. N. 19, 1881. Charlotte, N. C.

**Rubber Belting.**  
A complete Stock of Rubber Belting, Rubber and Hemp Packing. Also, all sizes and kinds of Rope at bottom prices.  
Nov. 1, 1880. KYLE & HAMMOND.

**Turkeys, Geese,**  
Chickens, Cranberries, Chestnuts, Oat Meal and Macaroni, at S. H. HOWELL'S.  
November 4, 1881.

**He-No Tea.**  
A fresh Chest of He-No-Tea just received by  
WILSON & BURWELL,  
Sole Agents.  
Sept. 30, 1881.

**On a Diligence Road to Mexico.**  
In Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote's "Diligence Journey in Mexico," in the Century Magazine (recently Scribner), occurs the following: Thus far we had met no vehicles except the two-wheeled carts drawn by oxen—wheels without tires, hewn out and showing the separate strokes of the ax, but many humble travelers on foot, trotting into Mexico with back-loads of market stuff. Fruits and vegetables were carried in a four-sided hamper or cage called a *huncal*, made of osiers; often it was filled with live fowls, the tail-feathers of the cock gayly fluttering through the bars of the cage, or was divided into compartments, with eggs below and fowls above. We met huge masses of pottery ingeniously woven together with the cords of the agave, and towering perilously above the bearer's head; rolls of matting, wooden trays, bundles of sugar cane, *camote* (a kind of sweet potato), and to-matoes wrapped in green leaves. A pair of live hens never came amiss, swinging by the legs from a disengaged hand, or tied to an available corner of the load. Whole families were en route, even to the baby, rolled in one end of the long cotton scarf which the Indian mother wears over her head, or suspended in its folds at her back. I do not think a stranger procession could be met with on the high-roads of this country.

**The Boy of the Period.**  
The boy of to-day is not receiving the proper home culture. Children slip away from parental care. This is due to the rigorous old-time home culture. Education must be inculcated by the mother. In Wales, England, the character of the mother is inquired for as a recommendation for the son. The average boy, noisy, impatient, detesting home work, bankrupt in education and a dodger of churches and other pious places, yet has a fathomless tenderness for his mother, but he wants no spectator. He is characterized by a passionate loyalty to whatever her espouses, and a high sense of honor to which appeal can safely be made in most cases. One thing in his teaching is imperative—moral purity. Let the mother inculcate this with loving care, putting aside false notions of modesty and all prudishness. Let us have done with the belief in the saying, "Wild oats must some time be sowed." He who thus sows inevitably reaps a similar harvest. Every boy should be trained to respect womanhood. Nothing so much adorns American manhood as his respect for woman. The boy should be trained in an industrial occupation, and this should be in harmony with his tastes. So with girls. To sum it all up, train the boy into manliness, that standard of manliness that combines the strongest virtues with the gentlest weakness. Let him be like a hand of iron in a glove of velvet. There is nothing higher or nobler than this.

**An Incendiary Telephone.**  
A Chicago paper gives this account of a curious fire, which might have been both costly and explicable had it occurred at night. "There was a peculiar fire Friday afternoon at the office of the Chicago Telephone Company, on La Salle street. At four o'clock the answering board was found to be on fire, blue and white flames appearing. It was suggested that a cross with an electric wire caused the fire, and an investigation was at once made. The flames jumped two feet and the transmitter began to burn. Then the fire was extinguished, and fifteen minutes another board began to burn. At the same time the telephone at the Chicago Music Company's store began to burn. It was found that a wire had become crossed with one of Willoughby, Hill & Co.'s electric light wires and had resulted in a fire. The total damages was about \$300. It will be seen how dangerous the electric light wires are. Had the fire occurred at night whole stores could have been burned and the cause remained a mystery."—*New York Bulletin.*

**The Man with the Wheelbarrow.**  
Capt. Lyman Potter, the "man with the wheelbarrow," is at Westham, about five miles above Richmond, with his wheelbarrow, having rolled it from California. He has with him many rare collections which he picked up on his journey across the continent. About April 1, 1878, Capt. Potter left Albany, N. Y., with a bran new wheelbarrow. He journeyed through the various States between the Atlantic and Pacific north of South Carolina, rolling it wherever he went. Whenever he filled his wheelbarrow with collections which he gathered on his way, he boxed them up and shipped them to Albany, his home. The wheelbarrow shows unmistakable evidence of having been pushed or drawn many hundreds of miles. The spokes in the wheel are held together with cords, and the iron taps on Capt. Potter's shoeholes have worn down to about a thousandth part of an inch.

**An Important Ruling—Printed Matter May Be Mailed with Merchandise.**  
The Postmaster-General has advised that the ancient rule of the Department, that matter of a lower grade may be inclosed in that of a higher, authorizes printed matter to be inclosed with merchandise, and that to make a distinction between printed matter inclosed with merchandise and printing upon a tag, attached to a sample, or upon the sample itself, where the latter consists of a paper, is not within the reasonable intendment of the law. It is therefore decided that upon all papers sent as merchandise there may be printed any matter not having the character of an actual or personal correspondence; and that with such merchandise and merchandise of other material, there may be inclosed such printed matter. All former rulings in conflict are revoked.

**More Cuba cigars** are exported annually from Cuba than the island produces tobacco; more champagne from France than is produced in its vineyards for home and foreign consumption; more olive oil from Italy than is manufactured from olive trees. The world is being humbugged more and more, from year to year.

**Farmer's Wives.**  
Did you ever think of the amount of thought requisite to plan three meals a day for three hundred and sixty-five days in succession? To prepare enough and not too much, and for those living at a distance from the village to remember that the stock of flour, sugar, tea, etc., is replenished in due time? Do you ever think of the multitude of her cares and duties? She must rise early to prepare breakfast or oversee it. Perhaps there are children to wash, dress, and feed, or to get ready for school with their dresses. There is baking, sweeping, dusting, making beds, lunch for the men; may be dinner, supper to be made ready at the proper time, the washing, starching, folding, and ironing of clothes; the care of milk including the making of butter and cheese, and the inevitable washing of dishes. In autumn there is an additional work of picking, preserving, canning of fruit, drying apples, boiling cider, making apple sauce, with the still more unpleasant task which falls to her lot in butchering time. Then there is hay, harvesting, sheep-shearing, etc., when more help is needed, bringing an increase of her labors. Twice a year comes house cleaning. By the way, of all the foes a housekeeper has to contend with, dirt is the greatest. She may gain a complete victory and think to repose on her laurels after the semi-annual engagements—but it is only temporary. The enemy returns, and even daily skirmishing does not keep it at bay.

**Training Shepherd Dogs.**  
Darwin thus describes the training of shepherd dogs: "When riding it is a common thing to meet a large flock of sheep guarded by one or two dogs at a distance of some miles from any house or man. I often wondered how so firm a friendship had been established. The method of education consists in separating the puppy while very young from its mother and in accustoming it to its future companions. A ewe is held three or four times a day for the little thing to look, and a nest of wool is made for it in the sheep pen. At no time is it allowed to associate with other dogs, or with the children of the family. From this education it has no wish to leave the flock, and just as another dog will defend its master, man, so will these dogs defend sheep. It is amusing to observe, when approaching a flock, how the dog immediately takes possession of the sheep all close in his rear, as if around the oldest ram. The dogs are also taught to bring home the sheep at a certain hour in the evening. Their most troublesome fault when young is their desire to play with the sheep, for in their sport they sometimes gallop the poor things most unmercifully. The shepherd dog comes to the house every day for his meal, and as soon as it is given him skulks away as if ashamed of himself. On these occasions the house dogs are very tyrannical, and the least of them will attack and pursue the stranger. The minute, however, the latter has reached the flock he turns round and begins to bark, and then all the house dogs take quickly to their heels, as if a similar alarm had been given. A hungry wild dog will scarcely ever venture to attack a flock guarded by one of these faithful shepherds. In this case the shepherd dog seems to regard the sheep as his fellow brethren and thus gains confidence; and the wild dogs, though knowing that the sheep are not dogs, but are good to eat, yet, when seeing them in a flock with a shepherd at their head, partly consent to regard them as he does."

**Apples as Food.**  
A correspondent of the Country Gentleman says: "From the earliest ages apples have been in use for the table as desert. The historian Pliny tells us that the Romans cultivated twenty-two varieties of the apple. In these latter days we probably possess over two thousand. As an article of food they rank with the potato, and on account of the variety of ways in which they may be served they are far preferable to the taste of many persons, and if families would only substitute ripe, luscious apples for pies, cakes, candies, and preserved fruits, there would be much less sickness among the children, and the saving in this one item alone would purchase many barrels of apples. They have an excellent effect upon the whole system, feeding the brain as well as adding to the flesh, and keeping the blood pure also preventing constipation, and correcting a tendency to acidity, which produces rheumatism and neuralgia. They will cool off the feverish condition of the system; in fact, they are far better for these purposes than the many nostrums which are so highly praised in the advertisements and so constantly purchased by sufferers. A ripe, raw apple is entirely digested in an hour and a half, while a boiled potato takes twice that long."

**Philadelpia** has an asylum for cats, where 4,000 were cared for during the past year. They are fed on milk, and liver. Starved cats, sick cats, and homeless cats are picked up and brought here. Many are mercifully killed with the fumes of charcoal, and the rest are boarded, the owners, who are absent from the city, paying twenty-five cents a week for keeping their pets. The asylum last year cost \$3,418 69, and this under the protection of the Woman's Branch of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is supported by subscriptions.

**"A New York firm** has contracted recently for 5,000,000 feet of the ash, walnut, hickory and poplar in the three counties of Madison, Luncombe and Haywood, North Carolina. Many of the trees in Western North Carolina are of great size."—*Phil. Press.*

**The institution of the "Order of the Bath"** originated in the custom of the Franks who, when they conferred knighthood, bathed before they performed the ceremony, and from this habit came the title Knight of the Bath.

**Christians names** are so called by having been given to converts in baptism as substitutes for their former pagan appellations, many of which were borrowed from the names of their gods, and were therefore rejected as profane.

**If a little vinegar** or some cider is mixed with stove polish it will not take much rubbing to make the stove bright, and the blacking is not likely to fly off in fine dust.

**A piece of zinc** placed on the live coals in a hot stove will effectually clean out a stovepipe, the vapors produced carrying off soot by chemical decomposition.

**The first gold** discovered in Georgia was in 1799 in the shape of large lumps. One nugget weighed no less than 28 pounds.

**About two-thirds** of a pint of air is inhaled at each breath in ordinary respiration.

**The herring** has two spawning seasons—one in the hottest and one in the coldest months of the year.

**Virtue dwells** at the head of a river, to which we cannot get but by rowing against the stream.

**Poverty** often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue. It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

**Strive** for the best, and provide against the worst.

**On a Diligence Road to Mexico.**  
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**An Incendiary Telephone.**  
A Chicago paper gives this account of a curious fire, which might have been both costly and explicable had it occurred at night. "There was a peculiar fire Friday afternoon at the office of the Chicago Telephone Company, on La Salle street. At four o'clock the answering board was found to be on fire, blue and white flames appearing. It was suggested that a cross with an electric wire caused the fire, and an investigation was at once made. The flames jumped two feet and the transmitter began to burn. Then the fire was extinguished, and fifteen minutes another board began to burn. At the same time the telephone at the Chicago Music Company's store began to burn. It was found that a wire had become crossed with one of Willoughby, Hill & Co.'s electric light wires and had resulted in a fire. The total damages was about \$300. It will be seen how dangerous the electric light wires are. Had the fire occurred at night whole stores could have been burned and the cause remained a mystery."—*New York Bulletin.*

**The Man with the Wheelbarrow.**  
Capt. Lyman Potter, the "man with the wheelbarrow," is at Westham, about five miles above Richmond, with his wheelbarrow, having rolled it from California. He has with him many rare collections which he picked up on his journey across the continent. About April 1, 1878, Capt. Potter left Albany, N. Y., with a bran new wheelbarrow. He journeyed through the various States between the Atlantic and Pacific north of South Carolina, rolling it wherever he went. Whenever he filled his wheelbarrow with collections which he gathered on his way, he boxed them up and shipped them to Albany, his home. The wheelbarrow shows unmistakable evidence of having been pushed or drawn many hundreds of miles. The spokes in the wheel are held together with cords, and the iron taps on Capt. Potter's shoeholes have worn down to about a thousandth part of an inch.

**An Important Ruling—Printed Matter May Be Mailed with Merchandise.**  
The Postmaster-General has advised that the ancient rule of the Department, that matter of a lower grade may be inclosed in that of a higher, authorizes printed matter to be inclosed with merchandise, and that to make a distinction between printed matter inclosed with merchandise and printing upon a tag, attached to a sample, or upon the sample itself, where the latter consists of a paper, is not within the reasonable intendment of the law. It is therefore decided that upon all papers sent as merchandise there may be printed any matter not having the character of an actual or personal correspondence; and that with such merchandise and merchandise of other material, there may be inclosed such printed matter. All former rulings in conflict are revoked.

**More Cuba cigars** are exported annually from Cuba than the island produces tobacco; more champagne from France than is produced in its vineyards for home and foreign consumption; more olive oil from Italy than is manufactured from olive trees. The world is being humbugged more and more, from year to year.

**Philadelpia** has an asylum for cats, where 4,000 were cared for during the past year. They are fed on milk, and liver. Starved cats, sick cats, and homeless cats are picked up and brought here. Many are mercifully killed with the fumes of charcoal, and the rest are boarded, the owners, who are absent from the city, paying twenty-five cents a week for keeping their pets. The asylum last year cost \$3,418 69, and this under the protection of the Woman's Branch of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is supported by subscriptions.

**"A New York firm** has contracted recently for 5,000,000 feet of the ash, walnut, hickory and poplar in the three counties of Madison, Luncombe and Haywood, North Carolina. Many of the trees in Western North Carolina are of great size."—*Phil. Press.*

**The institution of the "Order of the Bath"** originated in the custom of the Franks who, when they conferred knighthood, bathed before they performed the ceremony, and from this habit came the title Knight of the Bath.

**Christians names** are so called by having been given to converts in baptism as substitutes for their former pagan appellations, many of which were borrowed from the names of their gods, and were therefore rejected as profane.

**If a little vinegar** or some cider is mixed with stove polish it will not take much rubbing to make the stove bright, and the blacking is not likely to fly off in fine dust.

**A piece of zinc** placed on the live coals in a hot stove will effectually clean out a stovepipe, the vapors produced carrying off soot by chemical decomposition.

**The first gold** discovered in Georgia was in 1799 in the shape of large lumps. One nugget weighed no less than 28 pounds.

**About two-thirds** of a pint of air is inhaled at each breath in ordinary respiration.

**The herring** has two spawning seasons—one in the hottest and one in the coldest months of the year.

**Virtue dwells** at the head of a river, to which we cannot get but by rowing against the stream.

**Poverty** often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue. It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

**Strive** for the best, and provide against the worst.

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